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MISSOULA....

University of Montana wrestling coach Jerry Downey takes freshman grappler John Buxton to the NCAA Finals in Seattle, Washington, this week.

Buxton, a native of Owatonna, Minn., and a linebacker for the Grizzly football team, qualified for the meet by capturing the 190-pound championship at the Big Sky meet in Moscow, Idaho. Buxton outpointed Weber State's Jerry Staley, 12-11, for the title.

First-year coach Downey said that Buxton has spent the last few days conditioning and practicing his wrestling skills against UM heavyweight Marc Kouzmanoff.

Downey said he did not know how well Buxton would do at the meet held on the University of Washington campus. "It depends on the luck of the draw. John may have to go up against the top-seeded wrestler right off and that would be tough. We won't know until the brackets are set up on Wednesday," Downey said.

Iowa State, which is led by 450 pound Chris Taylor, and the host Huskies are the team favorites in the meet. The first round matches are scheduled to begin at noon Thursday.

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